GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RULES RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY GRANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing rules to provide grants to the patients under his discretionary grants and the diseases, the patients of which are sanctioned these grants;

(b) the total amount sanctioned under the above grants and the number of patients benefited therefrom during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to enhance the amount being provided to the patients under the discretionary grants in commensurate with the ailment of the patients and to amend the existing rules accordingly; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Financial assistance under Health Minister`s Discretionary Grant is available to poor and needy patients to defray a part of expenditure on hospitalization for undergoing major surgical interventions and treatment of major diseases. The diseases for which grants are sanctioned are heart ailments, kidney transplantation, hip & knee replacement, cancer, AIDS, hepatitis, eye, tumour etc. As per existing rules, grants may be sanctioned out of Health Minster`s Discretionary Grant for the following purposes:-

A. providing comparatively small scale financial help to individuals, voluntary organizations and private hospitals and dispensaries for the purpose of medical relief and health development and carrying on researches in the field of medical treatment and public health;

B. giving relief to the poor and needy chronic patients, suffering from T.B., Leprosy etc. and the blind and disabled;

(N.B. - Financial grant for treatment of TB is not given presently, as free treatment of TB is available under National TB Control Programme.)

C. providing amenities for the inmates of Leprosy, Asylums, Crippled Children`s Homes, etc.

(Note: Government servants (Central as well as State Government Employees) will not, however, be eligible to receive financial assistance out of the Health Minister`s Discretionary Grant.)

(ii) All grants shall be made at the discretion of the Health Minster and under his orders given (personally) in writing.

(iii) The amount of the grant in any one case shall not ordinarily exceed Rs.20,000/- during a financial year.

(iv) All grants shall be of a non-recurring nature and no recurring liability shall be undertaken.

(v) The grant shall be utilized by the grantee within a year of its sanction.

(N.B. - Reimbursement of expenditure already incurred is not admissible)

(vi) The grantee shall have to furnish a certificate to the affect that the grant has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

(vii) The said utilization certificate shall be supported by the grantee either by the audited statement of accounts (audited by a chartered accountant) or by details of expenditure supported by relevant receipts, vouchers etc. as the case may be.

(viii) Grants or aids out of the Health Minister`s Discretionary Grant will not ordinarily be made to individuals or voluntary organizations if grants or aids for the same purpose or object have been made by another Ministry or Department or under any other schemes of the Ministry of Health.

(b): (Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed
1999-2000	270	44.48
2000-2001	406	65.39
2001-2002	631	105.00

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.